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Choice Poetry.

A WEE BIT NAME.

DEDICATED—As a wee bit name—comes a curtsy a wonk o' love!—*Nantie Ambrosiane.*

A wee bit name! Oh, wee's the best
When simple but that is all,
Sae dentity dear it comes to be
What'ere it may be said or sung
An' prath, an' hope, an' remembrance,
An' happiness, an' home,
Are a' concerned in the hinted,
That sweet-a-wee bit name.

Such dewing, an' heavy wans o' years
My memory is borne,
An' gentle streams, an' thornless green,
An' looks o' mony een,
An' laughters, an' canny kills
Pass by upon it given,
The plainness o' the past, before
That spell—a wee bit name.

Oh, vivien sweet! a lair, fair fave,
A young, but thoughtful heave,
Twa pairs out o' mare sheen,
Are beauties' on me now,
Sae still, my lustful heart—be still!
It's but an idle dream.
Oh needs an though wi' sensible joy
I breathe a wee bit name

A wee bit name! Oh, lives there one
That never, never had
In passion ne'r its winged power
To soften and to quell
Nevertime though the heaven be
Wi' years o' ru'ne' clouds,
I'll still ooh like one in summer's sun
Before some wee bit name.

A wee bit name! Oh sad wi'ches touch
Role hidden weaves start,
The tenth the pith o' the past
The silver o' the heart,
An' it's hallowed and old and old decay,
Into a holy flame
A sacred influence may lie
Within a wee bit name!

Original Novelet.

THE CURSE OF CLIPTON.

A TALE OF

EXPIATION AND REDEMPTION

WRITTEN FOR THE SATURDAY EVENING POST,

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CHAPTER XX.

A DOMESTIC SCENE.

A light, commodious chamber,
Looking out on the lake, where the cedars
Of the great seas sway sentry.
Mary Howitt.

Nearly twelve months have passed since the death of Mr. Clifton, and the close of the glorious month in the year, when the gorgeous beauty of nature puts on those sad tints—when it recaptures the soul.

I shall introduce you into a chamber, whose then large windows look out upon the scene of glorious magnificence, only to be found when mountains, valley and forests vie in their gorgeous autumn livery. It is a very large apartment—so long and lofty, that the great four-post bedstead, standing with head against the upper end, is not in the way. At the lower end of the room, there is an old-fashioned fireplace, where a cheerful fire is burning. The floor is covered with an Angora carpet, of warm, rich brown and crimson. Large, heavy mahogany chairs are circled with dark, bright stuffed. The windows are curtained with crimson damask, which give a mellow, autumnal tone to the atmosphere of the room. The curtains are fastened back, and the sash is raised, and the glorious view without.

The lounge is drawn up to the left of the fireplace, and Caroline Clifton, in deep mourning, reclines upon it. She is very much changed since you saw her last. Her beauty is already a beauty of her disease left—only a few pits scattered thinly over the lower part of the chin and throat. But she is very, very fragile, and her fair, white face is almost spectral, in contrast with her black dress. Her head is bent, and rather sunken in her fichu before. It is just long enough to set the black ribbon around and just reach to her throat. And she wears it so. And those bright curls soften and shade the pearly whiteness of her throat. Her hands, slight, and wrists so

click who is not too choice but quiet, and must be just correct.

In vain we attempted to vanish all these unsatisfactions: for I did watch them, first from my window, then in their homes, by the aisles of the lonely family, wondering when I could not tell, and starting in the grass I could not believe. Then I got up, and they were gone. Then I went back to my window, and they were there. Then I went out, and they were gone. Then I went back, and they were there. Then I went out, and they were gone. Then I went back, and they were there. Then I went out, and they were gone. Then I went back

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At the conclusion of "The Curse of Clifton," we shall give this Sequel to Twelve Months.

CLARA MORELAND,

BY EMERSON BENNETT,

author of "Prairie Flower," "Bertha of the Sleigh," &c.

In addition to the above works of fiction, we shall not neglect the usual variety of Miscellaneous matter—composed to a great degree of the smarter articles that appear in the fashionable periodicals of the day—together with Poetry, Original and Selected, Wit and Humor, Notices of New Works, Original Literature, General News, Prices Current, Marriages, &c., &c.—including at no reasonable expense to add to the variety and value of our columns, and to render worthy of a first class paper, and of our great circulation.

General News.

DYING FOR HER WANTS.—The Atlantic. The Buffalo Advocate has the following account of the death of Mrs. Hayes, who died on the steamer Atlantic, on her passage down the lake from Buffalo to Detroit:

This is the deepest dive ever made—120 feet being the depth at which the body was found. The use here was found to be perfectly successful—only a slight ooze of blood from the nose and up without the slightest injury to the diver. [Detroit Tribune.

The marine armor consists of a perfectly air tight India-rubber dress, to which is attached a helmet with a clear, thick plate of glass in front. The plate which fits over the face covers the air, lead from the top of this helmet. The propeller, worked much after the fashion of those old men being employed upon it at the present time, is attached to the back of the diver. A great pressure of air is experienced by the diver upon descending, owing to the weight of the dress, and very few individuals could bear it for any length of time. When the diver has reached the assertion of oppression is very overpowering, and he is obliged to ascend or else endanger the water. When a depth of ten feet is reached in the descent, the diver is thrown entirely capsized of air, and collapsed in the dress, presenting a resemblance to a bag of wool. At the bed of a ten pound weight, except upon the feet, which are encased in boots of lead. The difficulty in breathing now commences, and the diver becoming exhausted, and the head, the latter becoming extinguished, he is drawn up, when his dress is found to be in a perfect state of collapse. The experiments are further being made.

S. Ballister has returned, in order to obtain a larger crop, and we shall be greatly favored with weather, better and big another attempt. He has in the neighborhood that the crop will be severed with success. Mr Green, the dress, has also pursued himself to the work effectually, and must rank as one of the most successful farmers in the county. Two excellent dress, beside Mr Green, are Messrs. Wilson and Mr. Ballister. We shall look with much interest at for the result of the trial, but that it will be successful we have no doubt.

Mississippi Convention.—Prof. Graham, of Carolina, the chairman of the Committee of the Lords of the Board of Trade, on the subject of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers, has recently been published in a number of our foreign journals, and is full of information upon the practice of mining the various engineers' operations connected with the improvement of rivers.

Tar or cotton waste, saturated with oil, by any—may be used instead to the tar, and more rapidly, and more spontaneously. He has known of cases of spontaneous combustion of hay, also, from greasy rags, cloth covered with oil, &c., &c. Cotton waste, oil clothes, steam engine rooms, &c., have been caused by such means. Oil and cotton waste, for example, may set on smoker arrow in them, should never be allowed to remain. Oil and cotton waste, those containing turpentine, should never be stored in a warm place, as the liquid quickly rises volume in thirty, by a rise of sixty degrees. In temperature. A moderate degree of heat, the tendency of coals to spontaneous combustion; much more than it is,

Selected Poetry.

THE HEAVENLY RIVER.

THERE lies one river more gracious even,

Beneath old Eastern, bathing the
A silver stream indeed,
A tender old old stream,
The youngest of the world was but eyes
For one so very young.
But oh, the ages on her purest face,
How incongruously it clung.

The southern Provence, white and red,
Just combed to the breeze,
With flattened clump, and thick-piled lace
Of many-pointed leaves;
With dipping fronds that covered the stream
Along its careful shore,
And drew away the enormous pecker
With flight more piled over.

Nor does not see the forms who drew
The things he better sky,
The young beginnings, soft and warm,
Fill out her thoughtful eye.
In rain for her the pencils that amble
Rustle a thousand ropes—
A softer music of golden things
Without her hearts plays.

She reads a volume, dark and old,
What learned the flood's sight,
She reads of what her mother said
In the holy words of eighty—
Thrills of the bread bright fields of heaven,
The stained trailing lines,
And golden wings and wheeling crowds
That are the fragrant air.

She reads bright tones, group on group,
Down shaded vistas here,
And soft eyes look from floating skies,
That bloom on many a mere—
Rare shining wings from any air
Some—and all dear.

She sees the Saviour circled now
By many a learned throng,
And kneeling up, she too would greet
His loved as well and long
Away—love-blessed in her dream—
She springs with smiling heart,
And all is done, and she is gone.

She walks with Jesus now!

America, N. Y. H. N. P.

Selected Sketch.

COMETS:
OR, CLOUDS OF LIGHT.

FROM CHAMBER'S EDINBURGH JOURNAL.

In March of the year 1845, a remarkable beam of light shot suddenly out from the crown of the constellation Ursa Major, and, passing through the interval between the last stars of Orion—That glimmering beam was the tail of a comet, just visible to our Northern skies, as the rapid motion of that object soon carried it to the southern hemisphere, where it was visible for a short time, with the more favoured citizens of the South. At the Cape of Good Hope it was described as "a fine object, almost touching the solar disc, and at night appeared with the head of 1° and a tail of 40°, with a luminous band flowing out from it to a distance some hundred times longer than the moon's disc is wide." Few, indeed, were the people who, in the course of their lives, caught a glimpse of that shining tail, either as it fitfully showed itself in our heavens, or as it steadily kissed upon the opposite hemisphere of the earth, were led to form any definite notion of the magnificence of the object they were contemplating. No one, assisted by the touch ing of science, could have conceived that the streak of light, so readily compressed within the narrow circle of eye-glass, was composed of not one hundred and seventy millions of miles in length.

The comet comes from the regions of unknown remoteness, and rushes with continually increasing speed, towards our own system at a velocity that—the power of which we have no measure whatever—at length carries it to the neighbourhood of the sun. Here it is arrested by the attraction of that luminary, and, after a short time, is again hurried away into the depths of space, never more to return. Such is the comet's career, as far as we can trace it by the help of observation; but, as to the end and object of its existence, we are left entirely to conjecture. Some have supposed that they are not intended to fulfil any purpose beyond the mere exercise of the power of their Creator, in the production of such magnificent objects; others, that they are destined to act as the means of conveying matter from one system to another, for the purpose of supplying the waste of worlds which is continually going on. Others, again, have imagined that they are the appointed agents for the punishment of worlds which have become too wicked to be allowed to exist any longer. Others, finally, have thought that they are intended to act as the means of restoring worlds which have become too old to be allowed to exist any longer. Others, finally, have thought that they are intended to act as the means of restoring worlds which have become too old to be allowed to exist any longer. Others, finally, have thought that they are intended to act as the means of restoring worlds which have become too old to be allowed to exist any longer.

The belief in the comet's surpassing thinness and lightness is not a mere speculative opinion, it rests on ocular demonstration. In 1770 Lexell's Comet passed within six times the moon's distance of the earth, and was consequently observed with a degree of attention and attraction. It in most had been of equal amount with the earth's mass, its attraction would have influenced the earth's movement in a like degree to what it does, and the earth must have been as sold back in its orbital progress in consequence, that the year would have been lengthened by the addition of 2 hours 45 m. The year was not, however, lengthened on that account by so much as the smallest perceptible fraction of a second; hence it can be shown, that the comet must have been composed of a cohesion not more than the 300th part of that the terrestrial substance. Newton was of opinion that a comet as big as the earth would be sufficient for the construction of the largest comet's tail.

Light as the comet's substance is, it is not, however, light enough to escape the grasp of the sun's attraction. In the first place, the mass of this vapor is rushing through the ether with great speed, so far from the sun that the solar rays look not as brilliant as in the earlier hour, it feels the influence of the solar beam, and is forced to form quite within the neighborhood of the object they were contemplating. No one, assisted by the touching of science, could have conceived that the streak of light, so readily compressed within the narrow circle of eye-glass, was composed of not one hundred and seventy millions of miles in length.

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Wit and Humor.

TAKEN AT HIS WORD.—An esteemed friend and always welcome correspondent, at West Point, sends us the following, which he says is "rich and rare":

"Poor old Sambo was very pious; and so was his master, who was a rich man. He used often to call upon the world and its surroundings as vanity and vexation of spirit, in which Sambo heartily joined, the belief that he was willing and anxious to die—sometimes, certainly; but we have the following from Sambo himself. It is a genuine Scottish dialogue, translated. So he used to sit in his cabin, after his day's work was done, and, with a tallow candle flickering upon the dining-board, and as he read it work himself into a frenzy of devotion. Feel he sang a hymn, and offered himself with the satisfaction that he should

"'Wish down the golden crust
With silver slippers on his feet.'

and then rocking himself backward and forward, his eyes closed, and his head bowed in solemn ecstasies 'and repeat'—Whenever do again the Lord shall call, poor old Sambo is ready to go.'

"How this became commonly known among the servants of the family, I cannot inform you; but it was a grudge against old Sam because he was a little 'stuck up and devout'; anyway, one night a negro wag crept in the door of the hut, and, waited for old Sam to begin. First came the hymn, then the prayer, and then the response, he began to sway his body, and out it went:

"'Whenever de angel on de Lord shall call,
I'se ready to go.'

"Tap, tap, tap; upon the floor.

"'Who dar?' shouted Sam, turning his eyes from the 'golden crust' ceiling.

"'De angel of de Lord!'

"'What he want?' gasped Sambo.

"'He come for old Sambo,' was the dreaded reply.

"'Pshaw!' out went the candle at one puff; 'for ain't no Sambo here; he's gone dead one's two weeks!'

"'Eyah! eyah! eyah!' shouted a chorus of voices.

A LUDICROUS MISTAKE.—A Cincinnati grocery house, finding out that cranberries command six dollars per bushel, and under the impression that they were a kind of berry adapted to advantage at St. Ray'n, wrote out to a commission merchant in that city to "send on a hundred bushels of cranberries." The correspondent, a plain, unadorned man of business, laughed on that receipt of the order, but, with a due regard for the sanctities of a second; hence it can be shown, that the comet must have been composed of a cohesion not more than the 300th part of that the terrestrial substance. Newton was of opinion that a comet as big as the earth would be sufficient for the construction of the largest comet's tail.

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City Scenes.

MARVELLOUS EFFECT OF THE AMERICAN CLIMATE.

PATRICK, *(just landed)*.—"By my sowl, you're black, old fellow! How long have ye been here?"

DARKEY, *(cautioning the fragee)*.—"Jist three months, my honey!"

PATRICK.—"By the powers, I'll go back to Tipperary in a jiffy! I'd not be so black to that for all the whisky in Kenrove!"—*Lantern.*

I WAIT FOR THEE.

The hearth is empty—the fire is bright,
The bottle sings for tea;
The clock on the mantel-piece ticks light,
The tea-urn smoke in sapphire wisps,
And now I wait for thee.

Come home, come home, thy task is done;
The clock ticks lovingly,
The kitten plays on the rosy carpet,
The warm clear to the fireside draws,
They buy is on my knee.

Come home, come home, the deep, fond eye
London round has wearied,
The weary heart has ached enough go by,
As if thy welcome song was nigh,
He waves enchantingly.

In vain—in fain—the welcome vain,
And turns his glance on mine,
Impatiently, the yes again
His lips, and I repine.
His brow is clouded, I caress,
That gimmie is on like thine.

Thy task is done—thy heart is here;
Whatever thy footsteps roam,
No heart will spread such kindly cheer,
No lips will welcome home.
Like those will wait thee home.

Ah, come, come home, and with thy feet
Thou'll-traverse very dark one
The hole in which the spare is put,
The bake is cold with joy at last,
A thousand welcomes home.

Selected Articles.

BURNS AND SCALDS.

FROM HERZ'S MEDICAL GAZETTE.

There is no practical subject in our profession in which the disastrous and fatal effects of mal-treatment are more manifest than in the accidents of popular ignorance are more apparent than in the treatment of burns and scalds. In the cases of scalds and burns, now unhappily so frequent in our country, by reason of the numerous steam-boat explosions, little is to be entrusted with our public conveyances in which the public safety depends.

So long ago as 1830, in the first American edition of Cooper's Surgical Dictionary, published in Philadelphia, the practice of the Parisian surgeons in regard to burns was thus described:

"The practice of the Parisian surgeons in regard to burns is very simple. They cover the burnt surface with a thick layer of cotton, and over this they put a bandage. The cotton is found to absorb the matter, and to prevent the formation of a scab, which is always painful when it is removed. The cotton is also found to prevent the contact of the air, which is very painful to the nerves. The cotton is also found to prevent the contact of the air, which is very painful to the nerves. The cotton is also found to prevent the contact of the air, which is very painful to the nerves